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REFERENCES: IAFB 1529, 9 May 50, para 1;
OFFW 21271, 13 June 50.

1. [] happened to overhear some of his social contacts mention the name of Mr. BEN NATHAN as the arms purchasing agent for the Israeli Government and questioned them about him. [] contacts had met BEN NATHAN in the house of [] and described him as around 50 years old, very lively and attractive, and fluent in every European language. BEN NATHAN and his wife, who also speaks many languages, were born in Central Europe, although the exact places are not known. It appears that his full name is BEN NATHAN COHEN.

2. During BEN NATHAN's frequent visits to Paris he often sees former prime minister BOURGES MAUNOURY and [] it was BEN NATHAN who arranged BOURGES MAUNOURY's present trip to Israel and he is reported to have been instrumental in the shipment of French planes with pilots to Israel before the attack on Egypt.

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